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1. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS OF SWEDISH NAVAL OFFICERS

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To No. 42](i).

    By a Swedish Government decree of 30th December important transfers were carried out within the High Command and the Swedish Navy: these come into force with effect from 1st April 1942. Rear-Admiral LINDSSTROM[LINDSTREM](ii), the officer commanding the 1st Coast Naval District, who is known to be biased in favour of the Germans, is [? retiring]: he is being replaced by Rear-Admiral SIMONSSON(iii), the officer commanding the Southern Naval District. Rear-Admiral EHRENSVÄRD[EREMSVERD](iv), the officer commanding the Coastal Defence Fleet, is being appointed to command the

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Southern Naval District: he is being replaced by Commodore EKSTRAND[v], the Chief of Naval Staff, who was promoted rear-admiral on 1st January 1942.' Commodore STRÖMBÄCK [STRE: BEK][vi] has been appointed Chief of Naval [DE Staff]. Commodore GIRON[vii], Head of the Office[FKSFEDITaIYa] of Marine Defence[a], has been promoted rear-admiral with effect from 1st January 1942.

I request your permission to take on for [FRI:FLICH' K] active work the
                                        [viii] [9 groups unrecovered]
who in 1935 was

[5? groups unrecoverable].

[9 groups unrecovered].

I assume that he will agree to work.

No. 149   [Name No. 64][ix]

Note: [a] The original Swedish is "SJÖFÖRSVARETS KOMMANDOLXPEDITION", literally
               "Marine/Sea Defence Command Office".

Comments: [i] Name No. 42:   Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) Mikhail Aleksandrovich
                             VORONTSOV.

         [ii] Rear-Admiral Claes LINDSSTRÖM.

         [iii] Rear-Admiral Hans SIMONSSON.

         [iv] Rear-Admiral Gösta EHRENSVÄRD.

         [v] Commodore Yngve EKSTRAND.

         [vi] Commodore Helge STRÖMBÄCK.

         [vii] Commodore Hare Edvard GIRON.

         [viii]

         [ix] Name No. 64:   Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, TASS correspondent.

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